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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/729,960  
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In response to the Restriction Requirement of April 11, 2006, Applicants elect Group  
I, Claims 1-13 for further examination on their merits.

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